

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

Washington, June 12.

FORTS MUST BE IMPROVED.—Artillery officers have been greatly interested in the information that foreign governments have laid down ships

of greater fighting power than were anticipated by members of the Endicott Board, which prepared the plan for coast defences twenty years ago. The question has been presented by Captain J. H. Howell, of the Artillery Corps, on duty at Fort

attention of their officers as General F. D. Grant, commanding the Department of the East, and General J. P. Story, the chief of artillery. It is pointed out by Captain Howell that our defences are made up mostly of guns which will offer no appreciable resistance to the heavy Krupp armored battle-ship armed with the most powerful and largest calibre guns ever constructed. It is pointed out that the only serious weapon to penetrate to the vitals of the latest ships of the first class, and which can reach a 12-inch gun of our coast forts is the 16-inch gun. It is pointed out that the latest built as late as 1886, ordinance of these calibres will be of small avail now. The fighting in the Far

long one to find the days of the close attack of the enemy. The commander of the anti-aircraft artillery, who find that unless the coast forts are equipped with guns of at least 12-inch caliber will be themselves put out of operation long before they can do a moment of the work for which they were intended. The commander of the coast battery gets in front of the guns of the enemy. It is with the latter moreover, says the experts, that the most important work will be done. The work of the anti-aircraft artillery is to prevent the enemy from establishing himself. The commanding officer of the anti-aircraft ships will be in possession of a mobile command post, and will be able to direct the defense and it is necessary to believe the artillerymen, including General Story and Major E. M. Weaver, that the coast forts need to be equipped with the best and largest of guns. Major Weaver says that the coast forts must be equipped as to the personnel respect for the mammoth 16-inch rifle, on the principle that the largest gun is the best. He states as to the personnel that the men should be chosen on the principle that the largest gun should be used against the

of the fact that the Joint Army and Navy Board is in session for the purpose of revising the old plan of coast defences and it is likely there will be serious consideration of the new conditions imposed by the improved battleships represented by the *Edwards* of the *Edwards* VII class of England and the vessels which will be designed this year for our own navy.

BUSY TIMES FOR THE BROOKLYN YARD.

A large amount of work is in prospect at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during the summer and early autumn. The Navy Department officials have laid

The battleships must be docked and there are other vessels upon which there is a great deal of work to be done. The Commandant of the Navy has said that a programme of work will be carried out as soon as the vessels are relieved from present duties, such as that of the fleet, and the fleet will be sent to the ships under Rear Admiral Stange which will bring back to this country the remains of John Paul Jones. The Commandant has also discussed with the naval authorities with the idea of adjusting the work so as not to interfere with the regular programme of the fleet. The fleet has been finished in time for the winter cruise and the manoeuvres in Southern waters.

mical in the case of Lieutenant Hans F. Weusthoff, United States Philippine Scouts, who was recently captured by the Japanese in the Philippines.

and convicted of embezzlement and other offences. He was formerly in the German Army and enlisted in the 6th United States Infantry. He was appointed a first lieutenant on July 1, 1901.

COOLING AT SEA PROBLEM—The Navy Bureau of Equipment has under consideration the problem of cooling at sea, in which work there has been some recent experiments under practical conditions with the battleship Illinois and the collier Marcellus. The test was not entirely satisfactory, and the experts did not express themselves in favor

of the adoption of the system which was under trial. There has been considerable discussion of this question by the Naval General Board, the members of which regard it as among the essential elements which enter into the fighting power of the fleet. It is akin in importance to the plan for naval bases, floating dry docks, and repair ships. All of these features contribute to the mobility of the fleet, and it is pointed out that in the event of war it will be valuable if a fleet on the coast can be coiled up in the shelter of the shore, and then, at the moment of the attack, be able to dash out to the attack.

withdrawing from the line of defense of being re-
placed thereon by other vessels. The naval and
air staffs, however, are in agreement on an economical proposi-
tion, and the naval experts have concluded that
every effort should be made to establish a system
of coaling at sea which shall be trustworthy and
economical. The air staff is in agreement with the
navy, but only one of them has been so far con-
sidered as sufficiently promising to a fifty official
test. It is possible that the apparatus in ques-
tion will be so changed that it will be reliable for
the purpose. The matter stands at present no
ingenious mind has solved the problem to the satis-

NAVAL PAY VACANCIES.—Examinations are now being held in San Francisco, and in this city, for candidates to fill existing vacancies in the pay

corps of the United States navy. One thousand young men have made application to take the examination, of which number one hundred were designated, and twenty-five of whom appeared before the examining boards. Fifty-five of the candidates passed the physical examination and are now undergoing the mental tests, with the exception of two young men who withdrew. Forty-four candidates are being examined in this city, and the remaining nine in San Francisco.

STAGE SOCIETY SEES "SAKUNTALA."

Sanscrit Play in Madison Square Concert Hall in Indian Costume.

A fair sized audience, composed of members of the Progressive Stage Society and their friends, witnessed the performance of Kalidasa's sacred

Sanskrit drama, "Sakuntala," in the Madison Square Garden concert hall yesterday afternoon. The intention was to have the performance in the roof garden, but fear of a thunderstorm caused the

The performers wore costumes of ancient Indian style, designed by Hindoos, guests of the Vedanta Society. Their skins were dyed. Edmund Runko played the part of Dushyanta, Emperor of India, and Miss Eda Bruna took the part of the heroine. Dushyanta, having wandered from his retinue, meets Sakuntala, daughter of a nymph, in a garden, in the first act. They fall violently in love. The lowering of a highly poetic


cal sort, connues through part of the second act. Dushyanta goes back to his court and Sakuntala follows him, losing his signet ring on the way, thus giving an opportunity to a beautiful goddess to blind the Emperor so that he denies his bride. The ring is found in a fish, however, and Dushyanta recovers his memory and his bride with it.

NEW PITTSBURGH IRON
[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]
Pittsburg, June 18.—An independent ore company with \$1,000,000 capital behind it has just been formed by Pittsburg men. It is known as the Hobart Ore Company, with headquarters at Duluth, Minn. Joshua W. Rhodes, of Pittsburg, heads the company and the other stockholders are E. N. Oehl, of New-Castle, Penn.; S. W. Croxon, J. H. Barton, and John W. Williams, of Pittsburg. The new concern and John W. Williams, of the Northwest and is prepared to handle a large trade.

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